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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. A prepared nutriment comprising:

a nutriment material; and

a solution or suspension of an acidic sparingly-soluble Group IIA complex ("AGIIS")

absorbed therein or adsorbed thereon.